

City of Takoma Park Residents' Committee On Tax and Service Duplication Issues

**November 17, 2004
AGENDA**

7:00 - 7:05 pm Welcome; Goals for Tonight's Meeting
(Co-Chairs)

7:05 - 7:10 pm Report from Staff (B. Matthews)

7:10 - 7:15 pm Opportunity for Public Comment

7:15 - 7:20 pm Introduction of Speakers

7:20 - 7:40 pm Presentation by Jim Peck, Maryland
Municipal League, on Tax Duplication in
Maryland

7:40 - 7:50 pm Q & A

7:50 - 8:10 pm Presentation by Sunil Pandya,
Montgomery County Office of Management
and Budget, on Tax Duplication in
Montgomery County

8:10 - 8:20 pm Q & A

8:20 - 8:55 pm Committee Organization Discussion

8:55 - 9:00 pm Meeting Wrap-up

Meeting Evaluation #2

What worked well in this meeting?

What did not work well in this meeting?

What should be improved?

What suggestions do you have to help ensure that the Committee will be able to fulfill the Charge set by the City Council?

Any other comments? (Including comments on meeting place, refreshments, communication methods, etc.)

Information Requested to be Gathered by Staff

- 1) City services table, showing comparison to County
- 2) General City budget information (pie charts, etc.) compared to County budget
- 3) See if the National Association of Counties or other associations have examples of fairer tax duplication processes or of arbitration methods
- 4) Information on how much discretion the City has in raising funds
- 5) Language of State statute on duplication
- 6) List of additional monies the County provides (such as Library Payment)
- 7) In which states can municipalities get taxes paid to them first, then purchase services from the county?

Meeting Evaluation Comments

Nov. 10, 2004

What worked well in this meeting?

- Good meeting. I liked the information session that reviewed the distributed info.
- Having the info ahead of time was great. Providing binders. Well organized.
- Good intro to the topic and group dynamic. Stayed on agenda and time frames well. Appreciated the info packet beforehand.
- Structure

What did not work well in this meeting?

- Chair elections. I felt a little rushed. I would like to know the results and get agreement at the meeting.
- For a first meeting it was good. Everyone jumping all over aspects—but I think that will gain focus over next few meetings.
- N/A
- Holding to time and topic.

What should be improved?

- We will have to work hard to stay on topic. There were a couple of times when I wondered if we were staying on the agenda.
- Too early to tell, really.
- Holding to topic.

What suggestions do you have to help ensure that the Committee will be able to fulfill the Charge set by the City Council?

- Relatively frequent reporting to the Council on thinking and activities of the Committee.
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Any other comments?

- E-mailing is working fine; nice room, noisy, but nice. I am thrilled that these first 2 meetings will provide so much background so we can be effective.
- Thanks for the refreshments! At least more coffee next time?
- Fine so far.

Other comments heard, but not written on evaluations:

- All papers distributed should be three-hole punched.
- Coffee and refreshments should not be served unless donated.